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MINING LAWS.

Laws of Whitewood Quartz District

In accordance with a notice published in the Black Hills Pioneer on the 9th day of December, 1876, and with other notices posted in conspicuous places before and after advertising above of which notice the following is a copy

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Quartz Miners of Whitewood District will be held at Crawville on the 20th day of December A D 1876 at 2 o'clock p m at the house of Thomas Campbell for the purpose of making local and adopting general laws It is of vital importance that all those who have any interest in that respect should be present Whitewood District is that portion of the Black Hills which embraces Whitewood creeks and all its tributaries J H Carr Recorder

The meeting convened in pursuance to call of notice at 2 o'clock p m, at the house of Thomas Campbell at Crawville in the Black Hills D T On motion of J H Carr Mr D F Costigan was elected temporary president of the meeting On motion of John M Murphy Mr J H Carr was elected temporary secretary of said meeting On motion of S P Reeves Mr D F Costigan was chosen permanent president of said meeting and Mr J H Carr was chosen permanent secretary of said meeting On motion carried That a committee of five be appointed by the president to draft Local and to adopt General Laws for this district The committee appointed by the president consisted of the following named gentlemen present John M Murphy chairman S P Reeves John Bell Henry Spence and George I Houghton who were instructed to report at adjourned meeting on December 30th 1876 On motion carried That this meeting do now adjourn till the 30th day of December 1876 at same time and place Signed D F Costigan President J H Carr Secretary

Crawville D T Dec 30 76

Meeting convened in pursuance of adjournment of Dec 20th 1876 and the committee appointed by the President presented their report in writing and which was the report of last meeting On motion the Laws framed by the committee become the property of the meeting and committee is discharged Carried on motion that the laws be read and voted upon by sections carried

Sec 1 Be it enacted by the quartz miners of Whitewood mining district in mass meeting assembled December 30th 1876 The following laws rules and regulations governing the location of quartz claims in said district to wit

Sec 2 Whitewood district shall consist of all that section or country drained by Whitewood creek and its tributaries carried

The officers of Whitewood district shall consist of a recorder and secretary The recorder to be ex officio secretary and shall keep the records of all meetings, carried

Sec 3 We hereby adopt the United States mining law of May 10th, 1872, with acts amendments thereto, with the following local rules, and requirements, carried

Sec 3 From and after the approval of these laws all citizens of the United States, of lawful age and those who have declared their intentions to become such under the regulations specified by law, shall have the right to locate claims in Whitewood mining district upon veins or lodes of quartz or other rock in place bearing gold silver cinnabar, lead, tin, copper or other valuable deposits carried

Sec 4 A mining claim located after the adoption of these laws whether located by one, or more persons, may equal but shall not exceed fifteen hundred feet in length along the vein or lode No claim shall extend more than one hundred and fifty feet on each side of the middle of the vein at the surface the end lines of each claim shall be parallel to each other carried

Sec 5 Entitled any person or persons to record any lead lode or lead of quartz or other rock in place bearing gold silver cinnabar, lead tin copper or other valuable deposits there shall first be discovered a vein, lode or mineral deposit living in place upon the ground claimed

The said claimant or claimants shall place a post or monument at each corner of the land claimed also a post or monument at each end of the land claimed marking the centre of the land claimed also a post or monument at the centre of each side line also at discovery shaft a stake or board upon which shall be designated the name of the lode or claim the name or names of the locators the number of feet of ground claimed and in which direction from the point of discovery and the number of feet claimed on each side of the vein or ledge and such a description of the claim by reference to some natural object or permanent monument, as will identify the claim such as prominent buttes the confluence of streams and other land marks in the vicinity of the mine Carried

Sec 6 A copy of the location notice of a mining claim or mill site shall be handed to the recorder of this district within twenty days from the posting of said notice on the claim or the location shall be held as abandoned Carried

Sec 7 In order to hold the possessory right to a claim there shall be not less than one hundred dollars $100 worth of work done thereon during each year and in performing such labor five hundred cubic feet in picking ground and one hundred and twenty five cubic feet in blasting rock shall be estimated at one hundred dollars Carried

Sec 8 It shall be the duty of the recorder to call meetings of the quartz miners of this district whenever a petition is handed him signed by ten or more persons owning quartz claims in this district or the legal representatives of such quartz claim owners re-

questing him to give notice of such meeting for the purpose of altering or amending the laws of this district, or for the election of a quartz recorder, and such notices shall be posted in at least five conspicuous places in the district, for at least ten days previous to the meeting, and it shall be the duty of the recorder to record all location notices upon the payment of his fees He shall have the right to appoint one or more deputies, and shall be entitled to the following fees for recording quartz mining claims, mill-sites and tunnel-rights, each two dollars, and for deeds, bonds, mortgages, and other instruments of writing, one dollar for the first folio, and fifty cents for each additional folio, and certified copies of location notices shall be furnished for one dollar each.

(Amendment to section nine)—On motion—That any meeting hereafter called, it shall require a two-thirds majority of the quartz miners present to decide any measure before said meeting (Section nine adopted as amended)

SEC. 9 The district recorder is hereby authorized to administer oaths or affirmations, when the mining laws of the United States requires the same relative to mining purposes Carried

SEC 10 The present recorder, T H Carr, is hereby declared elected recorder for the year ending December 31st, A D 1877 Carried

SEC 11 The records are hereby declared to be the property of the district The recorder shall turn over to his successor in office all books, records, papers and documents belonging to his office, and in the event of the organization of a county in this district, he shall turn over to the recorder of the county all the records of his office when such county organization is completed Carried

Committee—John M Murphy, chairman, Henry Spencer, S P Romans, John Bell, George L Houghton, secretary

We hereby certify that the above laws were adopted by the miners in mass meeting assembled section by section, December 30th, 1876, to take effect from this date D E Costigan, President T H Carr Secretary

SEC 12 At a meeting held by the quartz miners of Whitewood Quartz Mining District, in Gayville, D T., on the 6th day of March, A D 1877, the following resolutions were adopted, to-wit

Resolved, That we, the quartz miners of Whitewood Quartz Mining District, in mass meeting assembled, reenact and legalize the laws heretofore passed and adopted in this district, and that Thos H Carr, the present recorder, be elected, and is hereby declared recorder of this district for one year from this date. S P. Romans, Chairman, George L Houghton, Secretary

SEC 13 At a meeting held by the quartz miners of Whitewood District, on the 10th day of May, A D 1877 the following resolution was adopted, to-wit

Be it enacted by the quartz miners of Whitewood Quartz Mining District in mass meeting assembled: That the quartz recorder of said district is hereby authorized to turn over all records, laws, papers, and documents belonging to said office, to the recorder of deeds of Lawrence county, D T., within thirty days from date, and the recorder is requested to take receipts for the same when delivered. May 10th, A D. 1877 S. P. Romans, Chairman, J B Carr, Secretary

SEC 14 T. H Carr, Esq,—Sir:—Your petitioners would respectfully ask that a meeting of the quartz miners of Whitewood Quartz District be called in conformity with section nine (9) of the laws of said district for the purpose of changing a portion of section twelve (12) of said laws, and for the transaction of such business as may legally come before the meeting

Gayville, April 30th, 1877

Signers of the call: W. H. Bull, James Ryan, John Sinclair, H H Reed, E F. Gallagher, M Goldman, L P Elliott, D Jones.

In compliance with the foregoing petition, the following notice was given.

May 25th, A D 1877. To all whom it may concern Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the quartz miners of Whitewood District will be held at the house of Thomas Hanley, in Gayville, on the 8th day of June, A D 1877, at 7 o'clock p m., to transact important business relative to the records of Whitewood District.

The meeting convened in pursuance to public notice, and J. H S Coleman was elected president, and Wm. Lardner secretary On motion that the following portion of section twelve (12) to-wit . And in the event of the organization of a county in this district, he shall turn over to the recorder of the county all the records of this office, where such county organization is completed," and the whole of section (14) fourteen be repealed, carrid unanimously J. H S Coleman, chairman, Wm Lardner, secretary

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the miners of Whitewood quartz mining district will be held in the house of Thomas Campbell of Gayville on the 7th day of September, 1877, at 7 o'clock p m, for the purpose of electing a recorder to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late recorder, Thos. H Carr, who was killed by the Indians, August 27th, A D 1877. J B Carr

Meeting convened in pursuance to call of notice and adjourned to the office of the deputy recorder on placer claim No 4 of Deadwood gulch above discovery On motion J. B. Carr be elected recorder of Whitewood District for the year ending March 6th, 1879, or until his successor is duly elected; carried Wm H Brown, chairman, Jas B Carr, secretary

TERRITORY OF DAKOTA, County of Lawrence, } ss
Whitewood Quartz Mining District }

I, James B Carr, being first duly sworn depose and say: I am recorder of Whitewood Quattz Mining District in Lawrance county and Territory of Dakota That the above and foregoing are true and correct transcripts of the laws of Whitewood quartz mining district as they appear on file in the records of Whitewood Quartz mining district

Dated this . day of A D, 187

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of A D 187